

Patient-Centered Medical Home Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2012

Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI) Conference Room, Helena, and by phone

Members present

Paula Block, Montana Primary Care Association
Dr. Doug Carr, Billings Clinic
Dr. Janice Gomersall, Montana Academy of Family Physicians
Dr. Jonathan Griffin, St. Peter's Medical Group
Lisa Wilson, Parents, Let's Unite for Kids-PLUK
Carol Kelley, Bozeman Deaconess Internal Medicine Associates
Dr. Fred Olson, BCBS MT
JP Pujol, New West Health Services
Kirsten Mailloux, EBMS
John Hoffland, DPHHS Medicaid, Passport to Health
Rick Yearry, REC
Alan Hall, Allegiance Life and Health Company

Members absent

Bob Olson, MHA
Kristin Juliar, Montana Office of Rural Health
Dr. Paul Cook, Rocky Mountain Health Network
Bill Pfingsten, Bozeman Deaconess Health Group
Dr. Tom Roberts, Western Montana Clinic
Claudia Stephens, Montana Migrant and Seasonal Farm Worker Council
Dr. Rob Stenger, Grant Creek Family Practice, St. Patrick's Hospital
Dr. Deborah Agnew, Billings Clinic
Bernadette Roy, CHC-Partnership Health Center
Dr. Jay Larson, Independent Provider
Cindy Stergar, CHC-Butte Silver Bow Primary Care Clinic

Interested parties present

Brad Putnam, HealthShare MT
Janice Mackensen, Mountain Pacific Quality Health

CSI staff present

Blair Lund – Minutes Recorder
Christa McClure
Amanda Roccabruna Eby
Christina Goe
Adam Schafer

Welcome, Agenda Review, and Approval of Minutes –

Dr. Carr opened the meeting, welcomed everyone, and asked if there were any corrections or to the last meeting's minutes. None were heard, so the minutes were approved as presented.

CSI Report on PCMH Legislation, Deputy Commissioner Adam Schafer -

Deputy Comm. Schafer offered thanks to council for their work. CSI will be carrying the legislation and Comm. Lindeen will be reporting to the Economic Affairs Interim Committee next week. The agency is still finalizing who will sponsor the bill, and then will be looking for co-sponsors. They are looking to the council for help with strategies to move the legislation forward. Amanda will send the council Adam's contact information.

- **Survey Update:**

Amanda has only received 14 surveys back. All of her contacts are providers, so she asked the council for contact information for other interested parties. It can go out to anyone one at this point. A council member suggested employer groups. It has been sent out to several other groups by council members as well.

Amanda would like to wait on presenting a comprehensive report on the surveys until more are received. One concern that is surfacing is a concern about more government. Speaking about the need for anti-trust protection addresses that, as well as the need for continued state oversight.

There was a suggestion to send it out to the ACP. The Commissioner will be speaking at their conference, and several council members will also be speaking.

- **Plan for Continued Legislative Advocacy:**

There was a question on how an agency bill moves forward. The answer is that the Commissioner will draft the legislation and then seek a bill sponsor. She will then move forward to seek co-sponsors. The deadline to submit is November 15th.

There was a question on how the council can help with advocacy. Actions include: speaking with the legislative delegation, and being at the Capitol in person if possible. Perhaps the council can coordinate who contacts legislators and when.

CSI staff affirmed that the content of the bill as recommended by the council will be protected.

CMS State Innovation Models Initiative –

It needs to be statewide and endorsed by the Governor, and there needs to be at least two payers. Some council members and CSI staff met with the Governor's Health and Families Policy Advisor, Jessica Rhoades.

They found out that the Governor's office already had an interest in the initiative, and they requested that the Governor consider including PCMH. The Governor's interest is in importing prescription drugs and having a single-payer model in Montana – which does not have a very high chance of success. Council members and CSI staff decided the initiative would not serve the interests of the council for PCMH if it were included with the other models.

There may be other opportunities for similar funding in the future. However, another round of funding probably won't be available until after the session. There may be a chance to get Medicaid more involved at that time too.

Education –

Dr. Agnew was unable to be here for today's meeting.

- The list of upcoming educational opportunities at health related meetings is on the CSI website in the conference agenda area. Amanda asked Dr. Carr to verify that Dr. Roberts will be at the MMA meeting.
- Janice will send info about a January AFP meeting.
- The Resources for Practice Transformation web page has been updated.

Quality Metrics –

Dr. Griffin gave an update. Things are moving along for HealthShare Montana, the need is for data. They are working on agreements and contracts that will supply data. Providers are being encouraged to use data to improve their practices and outcomes. It's a learning work-in-progress, and interfaces and testing will take time. Other payers besides Blue Cross are needed as well.

The state of Vermont is using the same platform. There was a question about dialog with them. Vermont does have legislation, and it funds activity with a transaction fee. There was a group that went around and helped providers facilitate connectivity to the technology platform. Vermont has offered to share information. They use the same vendor as HealthShare Montana, but things are being set up differently. Vermont and Montana have agreed to share information on quality metrics integration with each other.

NASHP IMPaCT Learning Community Update –

There has only been one call since the last council meeting. The topic of the meeting was provider engagement and network building. Other states advised that it is best to let the networks develop naturally.

Public Comment - none provided.

Council members will be contacted before the next meeting time to let them know if one will take place.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:00